

# BARON HEALTH CARE FUND



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Institutional Shares (BHCHX)

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## Portfolio Manager

Neal Kaufman joined Baron Capital in 2005 as a research analyst specializing in health care and was named portfolio manager of Baron Health Care Fund in 2018. He has 23 years of research experience.

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	April 30, 2018
Net Assets	\$210.43 million
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	42 / 97.7%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	59.59%
Active Share	55.1%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$25.57 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$163.16 billion
<b>As of FYE 12/31/2022</b>	
Gross Expense Ratio	0.90%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.05)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.85%

Retail: BHCFX  
R6: BHCUX

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>5</sup>

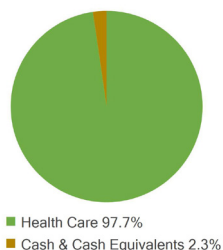
	% of Net Assets
Eli Lilly and Company	9.6
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	9.4
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	4.8
Merck & Co., Inc.	4.5
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4.5
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	4.4
Boston Scientific Corporation	4.0
Rocket Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	3.7
argenx SE	3.6
Zoetis Inc.	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.6</b>

## Investment Strategy

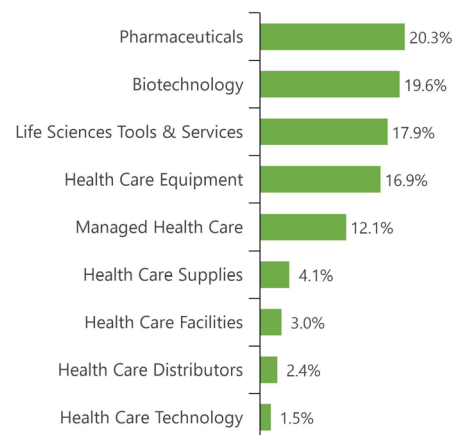
The Fund holds companies engaged in the research, development, production, sale, delivery, or distribution of products and services related to the health care industry. The Fund may have exposure to securities of any market capitalization. Non-diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

## GICS Sector Breakdown<sup>1, 5</sup>



## Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart.

## Performance

	Total Return (%)		Annualized Returns (%)				Since Inception 4/30/2018
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
BHCHX-Institutional Shares	7.69	6.42	6.42	0.78	15.43	-	12.54
Russell 3000 Health Care Index	6.96	2.87	2.87	4.63	10.79	-	10.38
S&P 500 Index	11.69	26.29	26.29	10.00	15.69	-	12.90
Morningstar Health Category Average	9.77	3.22	3.22	-2.35	8.65	-	6.96

## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)<sup>4</sup>

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BHCHX-Institutional Shares	6.42	-16.90	15.72	47.72	35.57	-4.70
Russell 3000 Health Care Index	2.87	-6.10	18.60	19.34	22.11	4.85
S&P 500 Index	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.02

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Adviser reimburses certain Fund expenses pursuant to a contract expiring on August 29, 2034, unless renewed for another 11-year term and the Fund's transfer agency expenses may be reduced by expense offsets from an unaffiliated transfer agent, without which performance would have been lower. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance information current to the most recent month end, visit [baronfunds.com](http://baronfunds.com) or call 1-800-99-BARON.

## Performance Based Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

	Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha (%) - Annualized	Beta	R-Squared (%)	Tracking Error (%)	Information Ratio	Upside Capture (%)	Downside Capture (%)
3 Years	17.24	-0.09	-3.69	1.08	83.61	7.07	-0.55	92.55	110.04
5 Years	18.01	0.75	4.05	1.05	81.73	7.74	0.60	109.05	90.67
Since Inception	18.50	0.57	1.95	1.04	80.99	8.09	0.27	104.20	95.90

## Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance<sup>2</sup>

### BY SUB-INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup>

Top Contributors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Health Care Equipment	17.23	2.72
Biotechnology	17.68	1.88
Pharmaceuticals	20.64	1.14

Top Detractors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Health Care Technology	1.67	-0.10
Industrial Machinery & Supplies & Components	0.00	-0.03

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Contributors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Rocket Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2.87	1.28
Eli Lilly and Company	10.03	0.85
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	4.49	0.72

Top Detractors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
argenx SE	4.60	-1.10
Structure Therapeutics Inc.	0.72	-0.34
Legend Biotech Corporation	2.41	-0.29

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